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## ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A method and apparatus for accepting an incoming message over a packet network and transmitting it over a circuit switched network using a highly scalable architecture. The architecture utilizes a message queue and a router/filter within a private data network which is connected to an external data network such as the Internet, with separate outbound resource servers to provide the high degree of scalability, for handling a variety of message types.

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